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Application of: Richman, *et al.*

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
EVALUATING VIRAL RECEPTOR/CO-
RECEPTOR USAGE AND INHIBITORS OF
VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT
VIRUS ASSAYS

Attorney Docket No.: 11068-008-999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115 AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.142

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, in which the Examiner issued a Restriction requirement, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Submitted herewith is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond by one month, from August 11, 2003, to and including September 11, 2003, together with authorization for the required fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.